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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the
Council, Mr. Jose Lino B. Guerrero (Philippines), on
the basis of informal consultations

Reconvening of the resumed organizational session
of the Council

1. The Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session of 1992, in the spirit of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, as provided in General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992, and in response to the request of the Commission on Human Rights contained in its decision 1992/117 of 5 March 1992, decides to reconvene, as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the contents of General Assembly resolution 45/264, its resumed organizational session in the first week of June to assure the continued, timely and efficient functioning of its subsidiary bodies.
2. The resumed organizational session will consider and decide on provisional administrative measures related to the mandates adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session on a temporary basis and until a formal decision on those mandates is taken by the Council at its substantive session, it being understood that the provisional administrative measures should not be construed or interpreted as a confirmation of the mandates which can only be done by the Council after a substantive discussion.
3. The Council stresses that this decision is taken on the clear understanding that it responds to the requirement of an exceptional situation resulting from the reorganization of its work. It is thus understood that

this decision should by no means constitute a precedent and that it is the intention of the Council to ensure that in the future administrative arrangements for the implementation of activities relating to Council mandates must be initiated after and on the basis of substantive consideration and express approval of each specific mandate by the Council. It is agreed that the need for strictly observing that practice will be a paramount concern in all future organization of the work of the Council and of its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264.

4. Provisional administrative arrangements decided upon by the Council at the resumed organizational session to facilitate the activities of special rapporteurs/representatives and working groups will be automatically terminated if their corresponding mandates are not confirmed by the Council at its substantive session of 1992.

5. The resumed organizational session will also consider and decide on the regional allocation of seats in the three subsidiary bodies which the Council is requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/235 to establish - namely, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

6. Nothing contained in the present decision can be considered in any way to prejudice or determine the substantive discussion of human rights, including the questions of mandates, to be held at the substantive session of the Council.

7. The resumed organizational session in June may consider, as well, subjects referred to it by other subsidiary bodies of the Council which may merit urgent consideration.
